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### Message from the Director, Training and Exercise

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Welcome to the September Newsletter! As many of you have already heard, with John Dirickson's selection as ADEM's Assistant Director for the Preparedness Section, I have taken over for John as Director of Training and Exercise. I look forward to continuing John's work on our T&E programs, and I ask for your patience as I learn the ropes of this new position, while continuing to manage my homeland security and hazmat programs until a replacement is found. Although I may march to a different drummer at times, I promise to do my best to not miss a beat.

For my first official editorial in this newsletter, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Della Kemp and Jan Lindner for their participation in this year's National Training and Exercise Conference at EMI. Della and Jan received formal recognition from Vilma Milmoie, Superintendent of EMI, for their part in planning conference activities, as well as facilitating several plenary and break-out sessions. Their participation helped shape the conference agenda and lessons learned will influence future T&E conferences. Congratulations to both for a job well done and representing ADEM at the National level!

--Ron

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Because lodging and per diem rates vary from county to county, it is extremely important to familiarize yourself with the rates for the county in which you are instructing prior to the start of a course. Lodging and per diem rates can be found on the GAO website. [http://www.gao.az.gov/publications/SAAM/Supp\\_I\\_trvrates-012308.pdf](http://www.gao.az.gov/publications/SAAM/Supp_I_trvrates-012308.pdf)

Also, as stated on page 22 of the Instructor Reference Manual, "Adjunct Instructors who cannot locate lodging rates complying with the GAO guidelines shall immediately notify the Director of Training and Exercise prior to making any reservations. No instructor will be authorized to exceed the allowed lodging rate established by the GAO without prior approval of the State Comptroller." And, as always, a reminder about itemized meal receipts...an instructor who wants to be reimbursed for what he or she eats must always send itemized receipts! ;)

### FEMA/ICS Training Programs

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Please keep up the good work! I am keeping busy but I have nothing to report other than the CE Opportunity I have listed below.

CE Opportunity: (Workshop Credit: *Recommended* for instructors who instruct G108, G197, G288, G289, G290, G291 and G386) *Verbal First Aid Training – In a medical emergency, simple words can change the outcome*, September 23, 2011 9:00 – 3:30pm. Christ's Church of Flagstaff. RSVP by September 8<sup>th</sup> to Alan Anderson, 928-853-4828, [aanderson@coconino.az.gov](mailto:aanderson@coconino.az.gov). Contact our office for a detailed bulletin.

Have a wonderful Labor Day and don't forget September is Preparedness Month...are *you* prepared?  
<http://www.justincasearizona.com/>

### FEMA Certificates Only Classes, MHEPS, CERT TtT Programs

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The **MAL362: Multihazard Emergency Planning for Schools TtT** is full. Thank you to all the instructors who responded quickly and got their applications in.

There is a **MAG417: Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) TtT** course scheduled for October 6–8, 2011 in Yuma. If you are interested in attending or know someone who might be interested please check out the event (1001569) in ERMA.

If you are an instructor (or will be an instructor) for the **MAG364: Multihazard Emergency Planning for Schools** and/or the **MAG366: Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters** courses. You might want to take a look at this website to share with the educators & parents in your courses. Ready Kids – <http://www.ready.gov/kids/index.html>.

### Hazardous Materials & Homeland Security Programs (ADEM Funded & Certificates Only)

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Me again. On Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, we conducted a HazMat Working Group to discuss some long overdue improvements in our Hazmat programs. Among the topics discussed were FRO for Law Enforcement, an updated Awareness–Level course, and a HazTech Coordinator Continuity Guide. I'll be providing some follow-on information in the coming weeks, and hope to have the programs at least in the "pilot stage" very soon. I want to thank all who participated, and of course all will get CE for the time they spent with the group.

Speaking of CE, here are some opportunities for those who are seeking ideas (**any** discipline can benefit!):

- Continuing Challenge (HazMat Conference). Up to 16 hours credit for "other" conferences, workshops, training, etc.
  - Security and Emergency Response Training Center. Fed funded programs for Highway Emergency Response, Tank Car Specialist, Leadership and Management of Surface Transportation Incidents. Various hours for "classroom" CE.
- Any other CE ideas for Hazmat, please let me know!

### State Exercise

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The 2011 Statewide Exercise has become very explosive and is mushrooming out of control. Currently, we have 260 participating agencies and we anticipate possibly over 5000 participants when it is all said and done. We have numerous activities that will be conducted in the month of September and October in support of the Statewide. On 27 Sep there will be a 4-hr IND OPlan Seminar at the Russell Auditorium. This is open to anyone that wants to attend. You just need to RSVP to me and I can add you to the list. The next important date is the 2011 Statewide Exercise Player's Briefing 19 Oct. This briefing will be covering different topics and exercise activities that will be occurring over the 4 days of exercise play. Again this is open to anyone who wants to attend. They just need to RSVP to me and I can provide more specific details.

### State Exercise

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I have been keeping busy these last few weeks. I am continuing to witness the progress of the 2011 Statewide Exercise and of our External Affairs working group. I observed the Department of Public Safety conducting a successful communication workshop. I want to thank the Department of Health Services for allowing us to participate in their Training and Exercise Workshop.

To our County Emergency Managers, please remember to submit your 2011–2013 Training and Exercise calendars to me. Thank you!

### Special Needs Populations/State Exercise

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It's been a big month for Access and Functional Needs. I attend the pilot G197 Integrating access and Functional Needs in All phases of Emergency Planning course in San Diego 7–8. The Get Real II "Promising Practices in Inclusive Emergency Management" Conference is in DC. FEMA has funded a 5 person team from Arizona to attend that conference. We should be able to bring the latest and greatest back to Arizona. On 20 September the Faithful Readiness Conference will have a 3 hour block on Access and Functional Needs. I will be joined by David Ball the FEMA Region IX Disability Integration Specialist and Peri Jude Radecic, Executive Director for the Arizona Center for Disability Law. Our annual Volunteer Tabletop Exercise 17 October will also have a block on Access and Functional Needs Support Service. By the way Alaska was great and will fish some in Montana in September. All work and no play...

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Interest in nuclear power plant safety, triggered by the Fukushima incident, reached a new high August 23rd following the 5.8 earthquake on the east coast. One ALERT and 12 UNUSUAL EVENTS were declared for plants in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Michigan. The ALERT at the North Anna plant in Virginia was due to a loss of offsite power. Onsite diesel generators provided power to safety systems until offsite power was restored. The UNUSUAL EVENTS were all the result of technical specification deviations due to seismic activity. All systems functioned as designed and all plants are currently operating in a safe and controlled manner.

### State Plans

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Hurricanes, Earthquakes, & Tsunamis, on my! How do we prepare for such events in Arizona? NMS principles tell us to do ALL-Hazards Planning. So that it doesn't matter what the calamity is, our plans should provide a starting point for all responders to grasp and share the common operating picture. The rest is logistics and recovery. Keep that in your mind as you teach your classes. Your students will appreciate this simple idea. Have a great month!